

STORY TAKAHIRO

ARTWORK

ANI KEI TORU

DESIGN



FORBIDDEN LANGUAGE  
WARNING  
FOR YOUTH



# Akame ga KILL! ZERO



SHUEI  
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## CHAPTER 14 RUINS









YES.

SHE'S  
DEAD  
NOW.



OUT...



...ARE WE  
REALLY  
JUST GOING  
TO LEAVE  
CORNELIA  
HERE...?



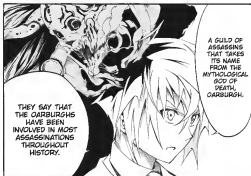
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THE ONES  
WHO KILLED  
HER WERE THE  
CARBON  
ORGANIZATION  
OF  
ASSASSINS.

TAKE  
YOUR  
ANGER  
OUT ON  
THEM.



**JUST  
WHO ARE  
THEY  
ANYWAY!?**



THEY SAY THAT  
THE CARBURGHS  
HAVE BEEN  
INVOLVED IN MOST  
ASSASSINATIONS  
THROUGHOUT  
HISTORY.

A GUILD OF  
ASSASSINING  
THAT TAKES  
ITS NAME  
FROM THE  
MYTHOLOGICAL  
GOD OF  
DEATH,  
CARBURGH.



...THE  
CAR-  
BUR-  
GHS...



FOR THE  
SAKE OF  
THEIR PRIDE,  
THEY'LL  
PROBABLY  
BE SENDING  
OUT ANOTHER  
HITMAN.

THEY  
HAVE  
A LOT  
RIDING  
ON THEM.



SHE'D  
BLAME  
HER-  
SELF...

...AND  
FEEL  
AW-  
FUL...



IF WE GOT  
ATTACKED BY  
THE ENEMY  
HERE, IT'D  
ONLY MAKE  
COREY SAD.



LET'S  
GET A  
MOVE ON,  
GUY.





AKANE

AW, GEEZ

WHAT AM I  
GOING  
ON ABOUT  
...?

COREY...  
ALWAYS  
DID HAVE  
A STRONG  
SENSE OF  
RESPONSI-  
BILITY...



AKANE...





THANKS TO  
YOUR EFFORTS,  
A NUMBER OF  
SPIES AND  
REBELLIOUS  
FACTIONS WITHIN  
THE EMPIRE  
HAVE BEEN  
CRUSHED...  
BUT...

...THE ENEMY'S  
COUNTERATTACK  
WAS FIERCE  
THAN WE'D  
ANTICIPATED.



UNTIL THEN,  
DO WHAT  
YOU NEED TO  
TO GET  
OVER IT.



THEN,  
AFTER A  
WHILE, WE'LL  
COME DOWN  
TO THE  
VILLAGE  
AND TAKE  
UP WORK  
AGAIN.

WE'LL  
REST  
HERE  
FOR  
NOW.

THIS DEEP  
IN THE  
MOUNTAINS,  
WE PROBABLY  
WON'T HAVE  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT BEING  
SNIPPED  
OUT.



DARN YOU,  
CORNELIA.  
YOU ALWAYS  
WERE A  
USELESS  
BRAT.

...TCH!



YOU WERE  
A GOOD ADD,  
CORNELIA.

...WHO AM  
I JOINING?  
I CAN'T  
TAKE SUCH A  
BUSINESS-  
LIKE  
ATTITUDE  
TOWARD  
YOU...



*IT HURTS  
ME TO SEE  
YOU GO.*



...  
YEAH  
...

HE TOLD  
US TO GET  
OVER IT,  
BUT...  
I JUST  
CAN'T...

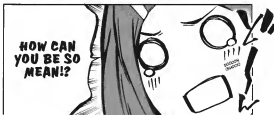


WHERE  
ARE  
YOU  
GOING?

DO  
YOUR  
OWN  
THING

WELL,  
THEN,  
WORK  
AT IT.  
  
OTHER-  
WISE,  
YOU'LL  
ONLY GET  
YOUR-  
SELVES  
KILLED.









*EVERYONE  
HAS THEIR  
OWN WAY OF  
COPING.*



*THIS IS  
THE ONLY  
CHANCE WE'LL  
GET TO TAKE  
OUR TIME  
WITH IT...*



*...SO LEARN  
HOW TO COPE  
AND GET  
OVER IT.*





...I'M  
AFRAID.  
SO I KNOW  
I NEED TO  
PULL MYSELF  
TOGETHER.



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TWO WEEKS LATER

I HAVE  
A NEW  
MISSION  
FOR YOU  
GUYS.



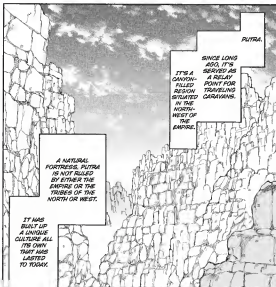


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...TO THE  
LAND OF  
PUTRA.



IT WILL  
INVOLVE  
SENDING  
YOU AWAY  
FROM THE  
EMPIRE...



PUTRA.

SINCE LONG  
AGO, IT'S  
SERVED AS  
A RELAY  
POINT FOR  
TRAVELING  
CARAVANS.  
IT'S A  
CANYON-  
FILLED  
REGION  
SITUATED  
IN THE  
NORTH-  
WEST OF  
THE  
EMPIRE.

A NATURAL  
FORTRESS. PUTRA  
IS NOT RULED  
BY EITHER THE  
EMPIRE OR THE  
TRIBES OF THE  
NORTH OR WEST.

IT HAS  
BUILT UP  
A UNIQUE  
CULTURE ALL  
ITS OWN  
THAT HAS  
LASTED  
TO TODAY.



I'M SUR-  
PRISED  
IT HASN'T  
BEEN  
RAIDED  
YET.

IT  
CAN'T BE  
CULTIVATED  
AND, AS SUCH,  
IS NOT WORTH  
THE EFFORT  
IT WOULD  
TAKE TO  
CAPTURE IT.

PUTRA IS  
A ROCKY  
AND  
BARREN  
LAND.

**THAT IS  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
GRAVE-  
KEEPERS  
THAT  
GUARD THE  
TOMB.**

ALL THE  
LAND HAS  
TO OFFER IS  
ITS HISTORY.  
THERE'S A  
GIANT TOMB  
WHERE  
A KING  
OF OLD  
RESTS.

ACCORDING  
TO THE  
PEOPLE OF  
PUTRA, HE  
WAS A GRAND  
KING AND  
WAS BURIED  
WITH HIS  
RICHES AND  
TREASURES.



THEY USE  
MYSTERIOUS  
MAGIC ARTS  
TO PROTECT  
THEIR WARD.

THOSE  
WHO  
VENTURE  
NEAR THE  
KING'S  
TOMB...  
DIE.



NOW,  
TO GET  
TO MY  
POINT...



THE  
PEOPLE  
EXPRESSLY  
STOLE IT?



AMONG  
THEM IS A  
TREASURE THAT  
HAS BEEN  
MISSING.

RECENTLY,  
RUMORS HAVE  
SURFACED THAT  
THE TREASURES  
IN THAT TOMB  
MIGHT ACTUALLY  
BE OBJECTS THAT  
WERE STOLEN  
FROM THE  
EMPIRE.



IF THIS SLUMBERING KING WAS SO GREAT, THEY PROBABLY FELT THEY HAD TO UPHOLD HIS HONOR.

*WHAT MATTERS IS HAVING HEART, MORE THAN ANY TREASURE!*



THERE WAS PROBABLY A LIMIT TO HOW MANY ITEMS THEY COULD SUPPLY TO THE TOMB.

I CAN'T IMAGINE THEY WERE THAT WELL OFF IN THE FIRST PLACE.



ANYWAY, WHEN INVESTIGATORS FROM THE EMPIRE WENT TO PUTRA TO DIG UP EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THESE CLAIMS...



A MESSAGE READING, "STAY AWAY FROM THE TOMB," WAS FOUND WITH THE BODIES.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...



...THEY WERE ALL CRUELLY MURDERED.





...IN THE  
CAPITAL..

SOME  
WEEKS LATER,  
THE FAMILY  
MEMBERS  
OF THOSE  
AGENTS WERE  
MURDERED  
IN THE SAME  
WAY...



.....



IT'S A LITTLE  
TOO CONVENIENT  
THAT THEY  
SHOULD STEAL  
THE TREASURE  
FOR THEMSELVES  
AND THEN TELL  
OTHERS TO STAY  
AWAY.

THIS WILL  
ALSO SERVE  
AS A HUGE AID  
TO THE EMPIRE,  
WHICH IS HAVING  
FINANCIAL  
DIFFICULTIES  
AT THE  
MOMENT.

YOU ARE  
TO GO TO  
PUTRA, KILL THE  
GRAVEKEEPERS,  
AND RECOVER  
ALL THE  
TREASURES.  
THAT  
IS YOUR  
MISSION.





I'LL DO  
WHATEVER  
YOU WANT.

AND I'LL  
PICK UP  
THE BLACK  
CORNELIA  
LEFT TOO!



SO  
WE'RE  
GOING  
TO A  
FOREIGN  
LAND...

SOUNDS  
LIKE IT'LL BE  
ANOTHER  
TOUGH JOB.



THE OTHER TEAM  
OF ASSASSINS  
TRAINED IN THE  
CAPITAL WAS  
ALREADY SENT  
TO THE SITE.

...WELL, THIS  
WASN'T  
ORIGINALLY A  
MISSION FOR  
YOU GUYS.



NO!  
YOU MEAN  
KUROBE—



IF THAT OLD  
GEEZER SENT  
OUT A REQUEST  
FOR BACKUP,  
THEN THEY MUST  
REALLY BE IN  
TROUBLE.

WE'VE  
RE-  
CEIVED  
AN  
S.O.S.  
FROM  
THEM.

THAT'S  
WHY WE'RE  
GOING AS  
REINFORCE-  
MENTS.

PUTRA

S.O.S. !?

...KURUME...

S.O.S. !?

...KURUME...



ARE YOU  
OKAY,  
BIN?

HAAH...

HAAH...

HAAH...







CHAPTER 15  
SECRET ARTS







I'M OKAY.  
I CAN MOVE  
NORMALLY  
AGAIN.

ALL RIGHT.  
THEN LET'S  
GET BACK  
TO BASE  
QUICK.





YOU GUYS  
ARE AWFULLY  
BLOODED UP.  
EVEN IF YOU  
TRIED TO HIDE,  
I'D TRACK  
YOU DOWN...

...BY YOUR  
SCENT.

**STORM**



FRIENDS  
...?



IF WE  
DON'T TAKE  
HIM OUT  
QUICK,  
HE'LL CALL  
FOR HIS  
FRIENDS!

KUH!  
WE'VE  
BEEN  
FOUND!



ONCE I'M  
THROUGH  
WITH YOU,  
I'LL HAVE  
SEVEN  
HEADS....

THERE'S  
NO NEED TO  
CALL THEM.  
I CAN HANDLE  
YOU ON MY  
OWN JUST  
FINE.

...AND  
MY  
RANK  
WILL  
GO UP.



LET'S  
MOVE IN  
SYNC.

...SO HE'S  
ALONE.  
WE MAY  
HAVE A  
CHANCE,  
THEN.



HAVING TO  
TAKE DRUGS TO  
STRENGTHEN  
YOURSELVES IS  
SO PATHETIC I  
COULD CRY.



TAKE  
YOUR PILL  
AHEAD OF  
TIME.

WE MAY  
HAVE TO  
FIGHT A FEW  
BATTLES  
BEFORE WE  
CAN GET OUT  
OF HERE.





*YOU'RE  
THE  
TOUGHEST  
GUYS  
I'VE EVER  
HAD TO  
TAKE ON.*



*OOH!*



*THIS  
IS...*



*IS HIS  
SECRET ART  
BECOMING  
LIKE AN  
ANIMAL....!?*

*HE HAS THE  
PHYSICAL  
STRENGTH  
AND MUSCLE  
POWER OF  
A BEAST!*

IT WAS  
AN ART THAT  
WAS SAID  
TO TURN ONE  
PART OF A  
PERSON'S  
BODY INTO A  
DANGER BEAST.

IT WAS  
APPLIED TO  
THE TENDRIL  
LIONEL  
AS WELL  
AS THE SANGU  
WINTER DRAGON  
SWORD.

WITH ITS UNIQUE  
GEOGRAPHY,  
PETRA WAS ALWAYS  
A PREFERRED  
LOCATION FOR  
FUGITIVES SEEKING  
REFUGE, AND  
LONG AGO, A  
SECRET ART  
MADE ITS WAY TO  
PETRA WITH  
THOSE EDGES  
WHO CAME FROM  
THE WEST.









...  
HRNGH!









WE'RE  
HARDER  
TO KILL  
THAN THE  
TYPICAL  
HUMAN...

THE  
MOMENT  
YOU RUN TO  
YOUR LITTLE  
FRIENDS,  
I'LL FIRE  
A NEEDLE  
INTO YOUR...



**BACK  
UP**

I KNEW  
YOU WERE  
STILL ALIVE.







THAT'S WHAT  
HE GETS FOR  
TRYING TO HOG  
THE BOOTY ALL  
TO HIMSELF.  
I KNEW HE'D  
NEVER BE  
ANYTHING  
BUT A BIT  
PLAYER.

YOU DID  
US A  
FAVOR  
KILLING  
HIM.





...!!



NEW  
PLAYERS.

AND  
THERE'S  
A GOOD  
NUMBER  
OF  
THEM...



THESE GUYS  
HAVE A LOT  
OF LIFE IN  
THEM. MAYBE  
WE SHOULD  
CAPTURE THEM.



...SISTER...!!



THERE'RE  
PLENTY  
OF WAYS  
WE COULD  
MAKE  
GOOD USE  
OF THEM.



SIXTEEN  
OF THE  
ASSASSINS  
I'VE RAISED  
HAVE BEEN  
KILLED  
SO FAR.

SEVEN  
ARE MISSING.  
EITHER  
DEAD OR  
CAPTURED.



I'VE LOST  
PRECIOUS  
PAYNS AND  
WITH NO  
BENEFITS  
TO BE HAD  
FROM IT.

BUT THIS  
INSTANCE  
IS CLEARLY  
A FAILURE.



THOSE  
KINDS  
OF LOSSES  
ARE TO BE  
EXPECTED.  
THEY'RE  
UNAVOIDABLE  
AND FIGURED  
INTO THE  
RISK.

SACRIFICES  
HAVE BEEN  
MADE IN  
EACH OF THE  
SUCCESSFUL  
MISSIONS  
SO FAR.



TO BE HONEST,  
I DON'T WANT  
TO LOSE TO YOU  
IN OUR CONTEXT  
OF ACHIEVEMENTS,  
BUT THIS IS  
NEITHER THE  
TIME NOR THE  
PLACE TO GET  
HUNG UP  
ON SUCH  
THINGS.

IT  
WOULD  
BE  
LIKE TO  
REQUEST  
YOUR  
COOPERATION.

I APPRE-  
CIATE YOU  
COMING SO  
QUICKLY.



AND  
THAT'S  
WHY YOU  
CALLED  
ME, YES?



YES.

WE'VE  
ALREADY  
KICKED THE  
HORNET'S  
NEST, SO A  
PRICE MUST  
BE PAID.  
THE PEOPLE  
WE'RE GOING  
UP AGAINST  
ARE A  
VINDICTIVE  
GROUP.



DO YOU  
STILL  
WANT  
TO GO  
AHEAD  
WITH  
THIS?

...DEALING  
WITH SUCH  
UNKNOWN  
OPPONENTS  
WILL  
INEVITABLY  
LEAD TO  
MORE  
SACRIFICES.



ONE MORE  
THING. I  
UNDERSTAND  
THE HIGHER-  
UPS WILL BE  
SENDING IN  
THEIR OWN  
"REINFORCE-  
MENTS."

JUST  
MAKING IT  
IN BEFORE  
THEY WILL BE  
CHALLENGE  
ENOUGH.



OH  
BOY...



WHATEVER'S  
SLEEPING  
HERE MUST  
BE ONE  
HELL OF  
A THING.



I WILL NOW  
TELL YOU  
EVERYTHING  
I KNOW  
ABOUT THE  
ENEMY.





...KURONE'S  
GONE  
MISSING.



THEN  
THAT  
MEANS  
THERE'S  
STILL  
HOPE!





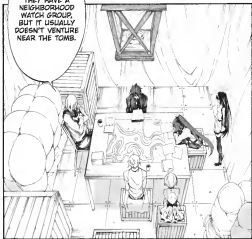
CHAPTER 16  
YEARNING





THE TOMB  
OF THE KING  
IS A SHORT  
DISTANCE  
AWAY FROM  
THE TOWN OF  
PUTRA.

THEY HAVE A  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH GROUP,  
BUT IT USUALLY  
DOESN'T VENTURE  
NEAR THE TOMB.







WITHOUT A  
MAP OF THE  
TOMB, EVEN  
NINE LIVES  
WOULDN'T  
BE ENOUGH.

BUT ISN'T  
THIS DATA  
A LITTLE  
LACKING?

THAT  
GUY



AND DO  
SO  
WITHOUT  
INVOLVING  
ANY  
CIVILING.

SO IF  
WE CAN  
JUST TAKE  
OUT THOSE  
GRAVE-  
KEEPERS, WE  
SHOULD BE  
ABLE TO  
REMOVE THE  
TREASURE.



U  
U  
U  
H



I BET  
THERE'LL  
BE A  
TON OF  
TRAPS  
IN IT.



IT WAS  
THE BEST WE  
COULD COME  
UP WITH.

WE HAVE A  
MAP OF THE  
TOWN BUT  
ONLY A MAP  
OF THE FIRST  
FLOOR OF  
THE TOMB.



FIRST, WE'LL  
WAIT FOR GUY  
TO GET BACK  
FROM HIS  
UNDERGROUND  
RECONNAIS-  
SANCE.

...IT GOES  
TO SHOW  
HOW MUCH  
WE'VE UNDER-  
ESTIMATED OUR  
OPPONENTS.





FISH-  
ING?



... FISHING ...

YOU  
MEAN...



WE'LL GET  
PLENTY OF  
INFORMATION  
OUT OF  
THEM.

YOUTH  
SERUM

ONCE WE  
HAVE THEM,  
WE'LL GIVE  
THEM OVER  
TO UNCLE  
BILL.



I'LL HAVE  
TWO OF YOU  
INFILTRATE  
THE AREA  
SURROUND-  
ING THE  
TOMB.

HIDE  
OUT THE  
GRAVE-  
KEEPERS AND  
CAPTURE  
THEM.



ME  
TOO!

TH...  
THEN I'LL  
GO TOO.



THEN  
I'LL  
GO! I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
I CAN  
CAPTURE  
LOTS OF  
THEM!



HOLD  
IT.



THIS IS  
A JOB  
FOR YOU,  
GREEN.

GOOD  
POINT.



I THINK  
ME AND  
MY SIDE-  
WINDER  
CAN DO IT  
THOUGH.



TSU-  
KUSH'S  
SHINOBU  
AND  
PONY'S  
PERSONAL-  
ITY...  
...AREN'T  
SUITED FOR  
CAPTURING  
PEOPLE.



OKAY.  
I GET  
YOU.



I ALSO  
WANT  
YOU TO  
MANAGE  
AGAINST  
FOR ME.  
DON'T  
LET HER  
MAKE  
A RUN  
FOR THE  
TOWN.



YOU DON'T  
KNOW HOW TO  
HOLD BACK AND  
WOULD END UP  
KILLING THEM.



WHAT DOES  
HE MEAN, I'M  
NOT SUITED FOR  
CAPTURING?

HEY,  
CHIEF.



SHE'S  
AN  
IDIOT...

I GET  
IT! IT'S  
BECAUSE  
MY KILL  
RANK IS  
FOURTH  
PLACE!





I'VE  
DUG  
MYSELF  
PRETTY  
DEEP IN  
HERE...  
  
I  
SHOULD  
BE ABLE  
TO GET  
INSIDE THE  
TOMB BY  
NOW...

JUDGING BY  
THESE  
VIBRATIONS...  
THE TOMB  
SHOULD BE  
JUST AHEAD.



I'LL  
JUST  
HAVE  
TO GO  
AND  
SEE!



THIS...



THE  
SCALE  
IS SO  
IMMENSE...  
IT'S  
NUTS...



THIS  
IS THE  
TOMB  
OF THE  
KING...!?



IT'S  
IMMENSE...  
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
THIS IS ALL  
UNDER-  
GROUND...





I WASN'T  
EXPECTING  
SOME-  
THING  
LIKE  
THIS...

IS THIS  
THEIR  
WATCH-  
DOG?!













I HOPE  
YOU  
LEARNED  
YOUR  
LESSON,  
YOU  
RASCAL.



HMPH!!!





STILL, THIS  
PLACE IS SO  
BIG, WHERE AM  
I SUPPOSED  
TO START  
LOOKING?



JUST  
WALKING  
AROUND'S  
GOING TO BE  
DANGEROUS  
ENOUGH AS  
IT IS...











"THAT'S  
ABOUT  
ALL WE  
KNOW."

"THE HIGHER  
THEIR RANK, THE  
MORE SKILLS OF  
DANGER BEASTS  
AND OTHER  
CREATURES  
THEY'LL BE  
WEARING..."



"AS FAR AS THE  
DANGERKEEPERS GO,  
THEY POSSESS  
A SECRET ART THAT  
ALLOWS THEM TO  
TURN THEIR BODIES  
INTO ANIMALS.  
AND THERE'S A  
RANKING SYSTEM  
AMONG THEM."



THE  
NUMBER  
OF  
SKILLS...



...AND  
ONE OF  
THEM  
HAS  
FOUR...!



THREE  
OF THEM  
HAVE  
TWO...



I THINK  
WE CAN  
TAKE  
THESE  
GUYS!!













## CHAPTER 17 RUSH



WE HAVE TO  
DO SOMETHING  
TO BRING HIM  
BACK DOWN TO  
THE GROUND.

*HE CAN  
TURN  
INTO A  
BIRD...!*







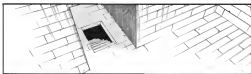
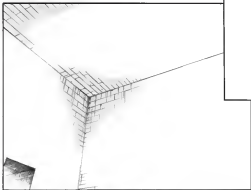


















THEY DOPED  
THEMSELVES  
IN THE FIGHT.

THESE ARE  
PROBABLY  
WITH-  
DRAWAL  
SYMPTOMS.

WE HAVEN'T  
EVEN DONE  
ANYTHING TO  
YOU YET.

HMM.  
YOU GUYS  
SURE SEEM  
TO BE IN  
A LOT OF  
PAIN.



FOR REAL?  
THESE  
GUYS ARE  
DANGEROUS.



I THINK  
IT'LL REALLY  
TAKE THE  
EDGE OFF  
FOR YOU  
GUYS, SEE?

ALL RIGHT,  
THEN! THIS  
HERE'S  
UNCLE  
JAMO'S  
SPECIAL-  
MADE  
CONCOC-  
TION.

IT  
CERTAINLY  
WOULD BE  
BORING TO  
HAVE  
THEM DIE  
NOW.

WHAT DO  
WE DO?  
GIVE  
THEM  
SOME  
DRUGS?

WE WENT  
THROUGH  
ALL THAT  
TROUBLE  
TO CAPTURE  
THEM.  
IT'D SUCK  
IF THEY  
DIED ON  
US NOW.





**I GOTTA  
SAY, I JUST  
LOVE SAUCY  
CHICKS  
LIKE YOU!**

**KUH?**



**.....I'LL  
PRETEND I  
DIDN'T SEE  
ANYTHING.**



**IF I  
DECIDE  
TO KILL  
THESE  
GUYS, I'LL  
GIVE THEM  
ALL TO  
YOU.**

**WHAT'S  
THE BIG  
DEAL?**

**HEY,  
COME ON,  
JANG.**



**HEH-HEH.  
I'M GLAD  
YOU GET ME!**





...W-WAIT!

WITHOUT THE DRUGS,  
I CAN'T  
SUMMON ANY  
STRENGTH...

SHIT!

HUH?



SHE'S NO GOOD  
AT THAT KIND  
OF THING, SO I  
DON'T THINK YOU'LL  
ENJOY YOURSELF  
VERY MUCH...



AND I'LL  
TAKE THOSE  
HERBS TOO,  
PLEASE...

I, ON  
THE OTHER  
HAND, CAN  
MAKE  
YOU FEEL  
GREAT.



L...

YOU'RE  
JUST TRYING  
TO GET ME TO  
UNDO YOUR  
RESTRAINTS.  
SORRY, BUT  
THAT'S NOT  
GONNA  
HAPPEN.

I  
MEANT  
WHAT I  
SAID...



HA  
HA!

THAT'S QUITE  
A CLAIM  
COMING FROM  
AN INNOCENT,  
LITTLE GIRL  
SPECIALIZED IN  
ASSASSINA-  
TION.

WHA  
...?



I'LL  
GIVE YOU  
WHAT YOU  
WANT!

WHA  
...?



IF YOU  
WANT TO  
SERVICE ME  
THAT BADLY,  
THEN I WON'T  
DENY YOU.  
UNCLE JAMO  
IS A MAN,  
AFTER ALL!





IF YOU  
MAKE LIGHT  
OF THE BOSS,  
HE WON'T  
GO EASY  
ON YOU.



THE BOSS  
GETS TO  
SEE THE  
PRISONERS  
TO DECIDE  
WHAT TO  
DO WITH  
THEM  
FIRST.



THEY SAID  
THEY WERE  
CURIOUS TO  
SEE HOW  
SQUIDS  
WORK...

R-RIGHT...  
SORRY. I  
WAS JUST  
HAVING  
A LITTLE  
FUN.

AT  
LEAST,  
THAT'S  
THE  
RULE.



YEAH. THIS  
IS SERIOUS.  
YOU COME  
WITH ME.

GEN  
IT?

YOU MEAN  
SOMEONE  
GOT THAT  
FAR HIT?



THE  
MERET-  
SEGER'S  
BEEN FOUND  
BEATEN TO  
A PULP IN  
THE CRYPT  
BELOW.





LOOKS LIKE  
IT'S TOO  
SOON TO KILL  
OURSELVES...  
DON'T GIVE  
UP UNTIL THE  
BITTER END.

AN IN-  
TRUDER...!  
ONE OF  
OUR GUYS  
MUST'VE  
COME TO  
SAVE US.

IT MIGHT  
BE SOMEONE  
FROM THE  
OTHER TEAM.

BUT IS THERE  
REALLY SOMEONE  
ON OUR TEAM  
WHO'D BE ABLE  
TO GET IN HERE?

...IT'S MY  
SISTER...!

...MAYBE...







THAT'S  
RIGHT. THE  
INFORMATION  
WE GOT  
FROM THE  
CAPTIVES...

...MATCHES  
WHAT *OUR*  
BROUGHT  
US WHEN HE  
INFILTRATED, SO  
WE PROBABLY  
HAVE IT RIGHT,  
BUT STILL...



DON'T LET OUR  
GUARD GET LAX  
JUST BECAUSE  
WE HAVE A  
MAP...RIGHT?



AND YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
I'M GOING  
TO TELL  
YOU, DON'T  
YOU?



...WELL, SO  
YOU'RE  
SAYING...

THEY  
COULD  
CHANGE  
THE TYPES  
OF TRAPS  
THEY USE  
AND SUCH.

WITH OUR  
TEAMMATES  
STILL NOT BACK,  
THERE'S NO  
TELLING WHAT  
MOVE THE  
GRAVEKEEPERS  
WILL MAKE.



GOOD POINT.  
SO LONG AS  
YOU APPLY  
EVERYTHING  
YOU'VE  
LEARNED, YOU  
SHOULD BE FINE.



COME  
ON. I  
ALWAYS  
DO  
THAT!

INFORMATION'S  
IMPORTANT  
TOO, BUT DON'T  
FORGET TO  
EMPLOY YOUR  
FIVE SENSES.  
IS WHAT HE  
MEANS.



IT'S AN  
ESPECIALLY  
DANGEROUS  
MISSION.

YOU'LL BE  
COMING WITH  
US THIS TIME,  
CORRECT?









WE'LL PUT  
THEM TO SUCH  
GRUESOME  
DEATHS THAT  
NOBODY WILL  
EVER WANT TO  
MESS WITH THE  
TOMB AGAIN.

WE'LL  
GIVE THEM  
THE MOST  
HORRIBLE  
DEATHS  
IMAGINABLE  
...!





CHAPTER 18  
MELEE









**GYAH!  
SO  
GROSS  
!!!**



**GET  
BACK,  
SHRIMP.**





I'LL TAKE  
THEM OUT  
ONE AT  
A TIME.



SILLY  
INTERLUDES.



FEEL  
THE  
WRATH  
OF MY  
TONGUE  
PISTOL!



I KNEW  
SOMEONE  
WOULD BE  
USING  
CAMOUFLAGE.

IT'S MY  
DUTY TO  
WATCH  
OUT FOR  
THAT.

UUGH!?





LOOK AT  
THIS HEATED  
RECEPTION  
WE'RE  
GETTING.

DON'T  
LET YOUR  
GUARD  
DOWN,  
GUYS.

I'VE  
GOT  
A BAD  
FEELING  
ABOUT  
THIS...

...THAT  
RUM-  
BLING  
SOUND





WHERE  
AM I  
NOW...?

I'M SURE  
I'VE DUG  
PRETTY DEEP  
INTO THE  
CENTER OF  
THE TOWER.

SHU'S SHINGU  
KARE SUIT  
MANIPULATES  
THE EARTH,  
ALLOWING HIM  
TO BURROW  
THROUGH IT.



OH! EITHER  
WAY, I'M GOING  
TO CAPTURE  
THEIR LEADER'S  
HEAD TO TAKE  
HOME AS THE  
GRAND PRIZE.







AND HE'S  
GETTING  
CLOSER...

BOY'S SHARP  
HEARING  
AND QUICK  
WIT ARE  
NATURAL  
ABILITIES  
DEVELOPED  
BY BEING  
RAISED IN  
THE WILD.

THAT NOISE...  
THERE'S SOMEONE  
ELSE DOWN HERE  
NEARBY ME.



I'LL  
HAVE TO  
SURFACE  
FOR THE  
TIME BEING!

I DON'T WANT  
TO TAKE ON  
A MOLE-TYPE  
DOWN HERE  
UNDERGROUND.



JUST  
A LITTLE  
FARTHER,  
AND THE  
GREAT RAGU  
WOULD HAVE  
CAUGHT HIM.

THAT  
SOUND...  
MEANS  
HE'S GONE  
TO THE  
SURFACE.

.....!



HOW DARE  
HE GO  
DIGGING  
UP MY  
TURF!?

THE  
GREAT  
RAGU  
WILL RIP  
THAT  
BRAT TO  
SHREDS  
WITH HIS  
OWN  
CLAWS!



THE FOOL...  
HE'S  
SUDDENLY  
LEFT  
HIMSELF  
COMPLETELY  
OPEN.















THOUGH  
TRUTHFULLY,  
MY KILL  
RANK IS  
SECOND  
PLACE.

HEY! DON'T  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
ME. I'M THE  
STRONGEST  
OF THEM  
ALL.









JUDGING BY  
THE SHARPEN  
OF OUR  
WEAPONS,  
HE'LL LIKELY  
WANT TO TAKE  
OUT MY  
SWORD,  
RIGHT?

I'VE GOT  
TO BE  
CAREFUL.



I'M GONNA  
TRY THAT  
SWORD OF  
MINE UP.



UH...OH!  
SHE'S  
FAST!!

SHE'S NOT  
SOMEONE  
I HAVE ANY  
BUSINESS  
CROSSING  
SWORDS  
WITH!





**YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
REST IN  
PIECES!**

**BUT  
NEXT  
TIME...**

**HE'S SO  
SLIPPERY I  
COULDN'T  
CUT HIM!**

**YOU'RE  
STRONG, BUT  
THE FACT  
THAT YOU'VE  
SO BADLY  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATED  
MY SECRET  
ART...**

**...TELLS  
ME  
YOU'RE  
JUST  
A  
BRAT!**

**!?**







I  
CHANGED  
MY  
MIND!

QUIT  
FOLLOW-  
ING ME!



NOW  
YOU'RE  
RUN-  
NING  
AWAY??

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO  
CRUSHING  
US  
ONE  
BY  
ONE?!



IF I CAN JUST  
GET HER TO WHERE  
NUBIS IS, SHE'LL BE  
DONE FOR...!



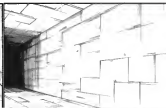
I CAN'T  
LET HIM GET  
AWAY!

THIS MAN  
KNOWS  
WHERE  
NUBIS  
IS...!



AKANE-  
CHUANT

FAAR-  
THER!







SO  
YOU'RE MY  
OPPONENT,  
I TAKE IT.



LUH...  
I LOST  
THEM...



.....!



YOU'LL  
HAVE  
PLENTEY  
OF USES,  
CAPTURED  
ALIVE.  
LUCKY  
ME.



GRAVE-  
KEEPER!



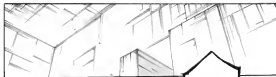




ON  
TO THE  
NEXT  
STAGE.



...THOUGH  
LATER,  
YOU'LL  
PROBABLY  
WISH I HAD.



YOU THINK  
YOU CAN WIN  
AGAINST ME  
BAREHANDED?



**YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
GETTING  
INTO!**

**THAT'S  
MY  
LINE.**





PINE  
BY  
ME!

THAT JUST  
MEANS I'LL  
HAVE TO  
BE THE  
FIRST...!



NOBODY'S  
EVER  
ESCAPED  
THE  
SNAKE.

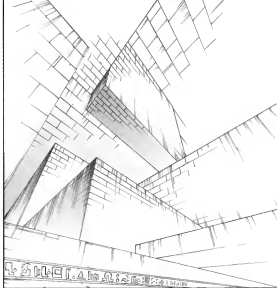
I'LL KILL  
YOU NICE  
AND  
SLOW.







CHAPTER 19 NO. 1











ONCE I'VE  
FIGURED  
OUT YOUR  
ZIGZAGGING  
MOVE-  
MENTS...



...I CAN  
FOLLOW  
THEM  
EASILY!



I HAVE  
TO GET HER  
BACK DOWN  
ON THE  
FLOOR.

FOR...  
STANDING  
TECHNIQUES  
WOON'T  
WORK  
ON HER.





...YOU  
STUCK-  
UP  
BITCH  
!!









YOUR  
MENTAL  
STATE  
SEEMS  
MORE  
STABLE  
THAN THE  
GIRL WITH  
THE GUN'S.



THAT'S  
SUR-  
PRISING.

YOU  
BEAT  
LIMBER.



PASS.



WHEAT  
T



I'VE  
TAKEN HER  
PRISONER.  
IF YOU WANT  
TO SAVE  
HER, THEN  
SURRENDER  
YOURSELF.

IF YOU  
DO, I'LL  
SPARE  
YOUR LIFE  
TOO.



ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
TSU-  
KISHI?



THIS GUN  
AND GORT I'M  
CARRYING ARE  
BECAUSE I  
TOOK THEM  
OFF OF HER,  
SEE?

...WHAT RE-  
COMES OF  
HER...

USE  
YOUR IMAGI-  
NATION.  
YOUR  
REPLY  
WILL DETER-  
MINE...



OF  
COURSE I'M  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
TEUKUHL,  
BUT...



I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
IF YOU  
REALLY  
HAVE HER  
OR NOT!

...AND  
MY DAD  
AND CHIEF  
ALWAYS  
TOLD ME  
TO REFUSE  
IN CASES  
LIKE THIS!



**SO I  
PASS!**

...I'VE  
BEEN  
TOLD TO  
REFUSE.



...YOU'VE  
RECEIVED  
A VERY  
THOROUGH  
EDUCATION.  
YOU  
LEAVE  
ME NO  
CHOICE.



*THIS'LL BE  
MY SECOND  
FIGHT IN A  
ROW, BUT  
I'LL JUST  
HAVE TO  
DEFEAT YOU  
THE OLD-  
FASHIONED  
WAY.*



**H  
A  
H!**



HMPH.  
SO YOU'RE  
A GRASS-  
HOPPER,  
EH?



IN THE  
CRAMPED  
QUARTERS  
OF THE  
PONS, I'M  
INVINC-  
IBLE.



THERE'S  
NO WAY SHE  
CAN CATCH ME  
WHEN I'M USING  
THE LEG POWER  
OF THE  
GRASSHOPPER  
TO HOP AROUND  
FREELY!





**I CAN  
DO THAT  
TOO!!**



**W H A A A A T ! ?**

**PONY'S  
SARNOU,  
YOTO  
BOTTOMS,  
INCREASES  
HER LEG  
POWER.**



**I'M  
NUMBER  
OOOOONE  
!!!**



**NO  
DOUBT  
ABOUT  
IT.**

**IF YOU JUST  
BROADEN  
YOUR FIELD,  
YOU'LL  
BECOME EVEN  
STRONGER.**



**HEH-HEH!  
TELL ME  
MORE!**

**WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
RACING AND  
JUMPING,  
YOU'RE  
UNBEATABLE,  
PONY.**



**DADDY...**



**URGH...**

**EVEN IF YOU'RE  
STRONG, IF YOU  
STAY AS DUMB AS  
YOU ARE, IT'S NOT  
MUCH USE.**



THAT'S  
WHY!

IF I GET  
SURPASSED IN  
MY OWN FIELD  
OF EXPERTISE,  
I'LL BE  
COMPLETELY  
USELESS...



IN A  
CONTEST  
OF LEGS,  
THERE'S NO  
WAY I'M  
GOING TO  
LOSE!!!



THIS  
RUSH OF  
MOVEMENT  
IS TOO  
MUCH.....!

IZZZZZ...

GA...!





YOU WEREN'T  
PUSHING ME.  
I WAS LEADING  
YOU TO THIS  
POINT. DON'T  
YOU SEE?



ALL  
RIGHT,  
I'VE GOT  
THIS!

I'VE  
GOT  
THIS!!



ACTI-  
VATE!





YOU CERTAINLY HAVE STRONG LEGS, BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE LACKING A BIT IN THE BRAINS DEPARTMENT.

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG.



HAH!



I'M PRETTY IMPRESSED YOU'RE STILL ALIVE AFTER TAKING ONE OF MY KICKS SQUARE ON.



GWAH...

GOOON...



THOUGH...

AH!



I'VE  
TAKEN  
A FANCY  
TO YOU.

I'M GOING  
TO MAKE  
YOU MY  
WOMAN.



...IT'S  
ACTUALLY  
LUCKY FOR  
YOU YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
YOUNG  
GIRL...



I'M NEXT  
IN LINE TO  
BE THE BOSS  
AROUND HERE.  
CONSIDER  
YOURSELF  
LUCKY.



YOUR  
OPINION  
ON THE  
MATTER  
IS  
IRRELE-  
VANT...

I'LL  
NEVER GO  
WILLINGLY  
WITH  
YOU...!

WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT ALL OF  
A SUDDEN...?  
DON'T EVEN  
JOKE WITH ME  
LIKE THAT!!









I  
FOLLOWED  
ALL THAT  
YELLING...

...AND  
HERE I FIND  
SOMEONE  
ALIVE WHO  
REALLY  
SHOULDN'T  
BE.



WHAT?

IT'S  
CHIEF

...  
IT'S  
OVER  
FOR  
YOU...

THIS  
ONE OF  
YOUR  
FRIENDS  
...?



AFTER  
ALL...  
...HE'S  
OUR  
NUMBER  
ONE  
MEMBER.







**DIE!**



**AT FULL  
POWER...**

**...THERE'S  
NO WAY  
HE CAN  
READ THIS  
ATTACK!**



A GRASS-  
HOPPER  
CAN'T  
BEAT A  
DRAGON.

*YOU  
SHRIMP.*

WHY  
...?



I...

RIDICULOUS.  
I'M GOING  
TO BE THE  
NEXT BOSS.

HE...HE  
CALLED  
ME A  
SHRIMP?

...I  
WILL...

...BE...



AFTER  
THIS...



...I HOPE  
YOU'LL  
DO MY  
PART...

...TO  
HELP...  
DADDY...



AH  
HA  
HA...

THAT'S  
MY  
CHIEF...



.....





AND  
AN-  
OTHER  
THING...



QUIT  
TRYING  
TO ACT SO  
TOUGH,  
SHRIMP...

SHIKAMARU  
DIE



WHO EVER  
ORDERED  
YOU TO DIE?



KAH!?





I...I  
THINK I  
HEARD  
COREY  
TELLING  
ME I  
COULDN'T  
JOIN HER  
YET!



IS  
THAT  
SO?

THAT  
WAS A  
CLOSE  
ONE.



OH...

CHIEF...



...THANK  
YOU.



JUST YOUR  
LUCK THAT  
I WAS  
CLOSE BY.

THERE'S  
STILL A LOT  
OF WORK FOR  
YOU TO DO.



THIS IS GOING  
TO BE MORE  
WORK THAN  
WE THOUGHT.

THERE MUST  
BE A "BOSS"  
WHO'S EVEN  
TOUGHER  
THAN HIM...



STILL, THAT  
GRASSHOPPER  
JUST NOW WAS  
SO SKILLED  
THAT IF I HADN'T  
ACTIVATED MY  
WATER DRAGON  
SWORD, I'D HAVE  
BEEN IN REAL  
TROUBLE...









LISTEN UP,  
PRISONERS.  
I'M GOING TO  
HAVE YOU BEAR  
MY CHILDREN.

STRONG  
CHILDREN  
WHO WILL  
CONTINUE TO  
PROTECT THE  
GREAT KING  
OF PUTRA'S  
TOMB...

## CHAPTER 20 BOSS



YOU'RE  
JUST A  
DIRTY OLD  
MAN.

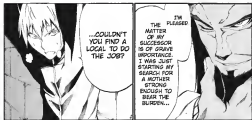
WMPH...  
I WAS  
WONDERING  
WHAT KIND  
OF PERSON  
THIS BOSS  
GUY WAS...



YOUR  
GOON  
DID THIS  
TO ME!

HE  
TORN  
MY  
SHIRT  
WIDE  
OPEN

WHO'S  
THE  
DIRTY  
ONE  
HERE?  
  
YOU'RE  
THE  
ONE WITH  
YOUR TITS  
HANGING  
OUT. HAVE  
SOME SELF-  
RESPECT.





MY  
HOBBY IS  
DEVELOPING  
NONPERISH-  
ABLES.



MY NAME  
IS WENEG.



MY  
FAVORITE  
COLOR  
IS BLUE.  
JUST  
LOOKING  
AT IT  
CALMS ME  
DOWN.



IN FACT,  
I'M THE  
TYPE WHO  
MAKES HIS  
HEALTH TOP  
PRIORITY.

I MAY  
BE OLD,  
BUT MY  
BODY IS  
AS FIT AS  
THEY COME.



...AND  
THE  
APPEAL  
I HOLD  
AS A  
MAN.



I NEED  
THE  
WOMAN  
WHO'S  
GOING TO  
BE MY  
WIFE TO  
KNOW WHO  
I AM AS A  
PERSON...



I'M  
TELLING  
YOU  
ABOUT  
MYSELF.

.....?



TO  
BEGIN  
WITH...

BEHOLD MY  
STRENGTH.



!?

...I WILL BEAT  
THE MAN WHO'S  
BEEN LYING  
IN WAIT,  
HIDDEN BELOW  
GROUND.



YOU  
ACTUALLY  
NOTICED  
ME.

...YOU  
SURPRISE  
ME.



IS THE ANIMAL  
YOU TRANSFORM  
INTO ONE WITH  
A GOOD SENSE  
OF SMELL?



THE MINUTE  
I DECIDE TO  
TRANSFORM  
INTO A BEAST,  
YOU'LL FIND  
YOURSELF  
DEAD...



I'M THE  
BOSS.  
THE  
NUMBER  
ONE  
GRAVE-  
KEEPER.





IT WILL  
MAKE  
TEARING  
YOU APART  
ALL THE  
MORE  
WORTH-  
WHILE!





**IS IT A  
DANGER  
BEAST?**

**WHAT THE...?  
I DON'T  
RECOGNIZE  
THAT  
CREATURE...**



**THE DIVINE  
BEAST  
WORSHIPPED  
IN THIS  
LAND!**

**I AM  
NUBISI!**

**HIS  
DESTRUCTIVE  
POWER AND  
RESTORATIVE  
ABILITY ARE  
BEYOND  
COMPARE!**



**GENERATION  
AFTER  
GENERATION,  
IT'S ONE OF  
THE FORBIDDEN  
POWERS THAT  
ONLY THE BOSS  
CAN USE!**









GUY-KUN'S  
SUPER  
STRONG.  
YOU'LL  
SEE...!



HE'S  
STILL  
ONLY  
GETTING  
WARMED  
UP!



NOW TO  
FINISH YOU  
OFF...

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
I'M THE  
BOSS.



COMPARED  
TO THE  
OTHER  
GUARD-  
KEEPERS...  
YOU'RE  
DEFINITELY...  
A CUT  
ABOVE...

...THAT'S  
A BIG  
PRIZE.







THIS  
GUYS...

...GOT  
SUPER-  
HUMAN  
STRENGTH.



OOH!

WOW!



HMPH...



WHEN IT  
COMES  
TO LEG  
STRENGTH,  
I'M FAR  
STRON-  
GER!

IF  
YOU'RE  
SO FIRED  
UP...

...THEN I'LL  
DO YOU  
A FAVOR  
AND REALLY  
LIGHT  
YOU UP!

GUH  
HA  
HA!

VIC-  
TORY  
IS  
MINE

...





AN  
ARMOR  
MADE OF  
EARTH!



TAKE  
SOME  
OF  
THIS!!









SONA  
MURAO

YOU...!

H N N G H !!

HIY  
AA  
AA  
H  
!!!







I'M  
STILL THE  
FASTER OF  
THE TWO  
OF US.  
I'LL STAY  
ON THE  
MOVE TO  
TAKE HIM  
DOWN.



I DIDN'T  
REALIZE  
HE WAS  
CAPABLE OF  
THIS TOO!



EVEN IF  
I CAUSE  
UPHEAVALS  
IN THE  
EARTH, TO  
HAB HIM,  
I STILL  
CAN'T TAKE  
HIM OUT.

ACT LIKE A  
MAN AND  
STAY STILL  
SO WE  
CAN HAVE  
A PROPER  
FIGHT!





I'LL HAVE  
TO KNOCK  
HIM OUT  
WITH MY  
SHEER  
STRENGTH!



USING  
CONCEALED  
WEAPONS IS  
NO WAY...









SO YOU'RE  
PLANNING  
TO HURL  
ME AGAINST  
THE  
WALL...?

YOU'LL  
ONLY  
END UP  
DEAD.

I WOULDN'T  
DO THAT  
IF I WERE  
YOU.



I'M  
GOING  
TO END  
YOUR  
LIFE  
WITH  
THIS!

SO  
GET  
READY!!



...TIME  
TO SAY  
GOOD-  
BYE.









**IT'S  
STARTED.**

**SEE?**



IF  
YOU'RE...  
STILL  
STAND-  
ING...

...THEN  
I'LL...

...TAKE  
YOU  
OUT  
AGAIN



DON'T  
MESS  
AROUND

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN...  
CURSE?



IT'S  
THE  
CURSE.

YOU'RE  
DEAD.



I'M TOUGH  
ENOUGH THAT I'M  
NOT ABOUT TO DIE  
SO EASILY, BUT  
THE OPPONENTS  
I BATTLE ARE  
FRAGILE HUMANS.

THE STRONGER  
THEY ARE,  
THE SOONER  
THEY TAKE  
THEMSELVES  
OUT WITH THEIR  
OWN ATTACKS.

IT'S THE SECRET  
ART THAT CAN ONLY  
BE USED BY THE  
BOSS. THE "ROYAL  
FAMILY CURSE" THAT  
CHANNELS THE  
DAMAGE I TAKE INTO  
MY OPPONENT...

SO LONG  
AS I HAVE IT,  
I CAN'T BE  
BEATEN...



**GUY-  
KUUUUUN!!!**



...I STILL  
HAVE A GOOD  
HUNDRED  
OR SO  
COMPATRIOTS  
LEFT WHO  
CAN FIGHT.

IT SEEMS A  
NUMBER OF  
MY GRAVE-  
KEEPERS  
HAVE BEEN  
DEFEATED,  
BUT...



**IT'S  
CHECK-  
MATE FOR  
YOU...**







# TAKAHIRO's PostScript

Hello, this is Takahiro from Minato Soft.  
I'm going to do a supplementary exposition about the  
characters and locations that appeared in this volume.

## ★The Land of Putra and achievement of the King of Putra

Putra's nothing but rocks, so even though it makes for a natural stronghold,  
it's not suited for agriculture. When it rains, there are flash floods that dig  
out ravines, which goes to show just how severe the natural climate of Putra  
is. But long ago, the first king didn't care about any of that and installed  
dams and water lines to establish a water supply. Upon achieving water  
security, the people of the canyon were able to develop into a civilization.  
The king is still revered for his contributions to this great achievement.

## ★Storm

He's a young Grevekeeper who battles Kurama's team. He can turn  
his hair into a flying storm and has a sharp sense of smell.

## ★Jama

This is Kismet's best friend. Jama's older than Kismet, but he still  
listens to whatever his younger friend tells him. He's a womanizer and  
all-around joker who refers to himself as "Uncle." He possesses  
the power of the squid. Because he can make himself wet and slippery,  
it's hard to land a blow on him, and he's also very strong. He prides  
himself on his tentacles, which Akane promptly grips upon.

## ★Umbar

She's a cool and collected female Grevekeeper, but she's also the most twisted  
inside. She possesses the power of the snake and derives pleasure from  
squeezing her prey to death. Her way of thinking up cold-blooded methods of  
murder makes her stand out above the rest. She's young and good-looking,  
but because of her warped personality, everyone stays away from her.

## ★Kismet

The youthful ace of the Grevekeepers. He's regarded as next in line to  
be the Boss. He talks big but doesn't have much upper-body strength,  
possessing instead the lower-body power of the grasshopper. He  
attacks by hopping around the cramped interior of the tomb using  
his prized leg strength. My editor told me that, unlike the other  
characters, his name's origin isn't unclear. His name is "Kismet"  
because his hairstyle is so end-of-the-century (schmoozy).

## ★Boss

The leader of the Putra Grevekeepers. Being the Boss, he differs from  
the rest of his team because, rather than relying on an ordinary beast's  
powers, he can use the power of a special-class Danger Beast. He's a  
traditionalist who lives by the rules of the Grevekeepers. He's effective  
to his health so that he can be a Grevekeeper for as long as he can.



# AKAME GA KILL! ZERO, VOL. 3!

THANK YOU  
FOR BUYING  
THIS VOLUME!

SINCE THIS IS A STORY THAT TAKES PLACE IN A FOREIGN LAND, ALL THE NEW CHARACTERS WHO APPEAR HAVE A DARK COMPLEXION. YEP... IT'S AN OPEN-AND-SHUT A CASE AS THAT! AS FAR AS THE DRAWINGS GO, I'M NOT THE TYPE WHO USES MUCH SCREEN TONE, SO IT WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME. THE GRAVEKEEPERS ARC WILL BE CONTINUING IN THE NEXT VOLUME AS WELL, SO AKAME AND THE TEAM OUGHT TO BE GETTING A BIT MORE TANNED, WHICH MEANS EVERYONE WILL BE BROWN-SKINNED FROM VOLUME 4 ON.  
(J/K)

TAKAHICO-SAN, WHO WRITES THE STORY; TACHIRO-KENGO, OUR EDITOR; KOIZUMI-SAN; NAKAHARA-SAN, WHO HELPED WITH THE PICTURES; AND TO ALL THE READERS OUT THERE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH! AND BEST REGARDS HERE ON OUT!

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IMPE-  
RIAL  
ASSAS-  
SIN  
UNIT  
TRIM  
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AMAZING!  
YOU HIT  
THE NAIL  
ON THE  
HEAD!

AND  
TEKUKUHI'S  
OVER  
THERE.

GREEN'S  
OVER  
THERE.



PONY CAN  
TELL HER  
COMRADES  
APART BY  
SCENT  
ALONE.

...THE  
SMELL  
OF OLD  
TATAMI  
MATS.

UH,  
WELL  
...

WHAT  
KIND OF  
SMELL  
DO I  
GIVE  
OFF?

IT'S  
BECAUSE YOU  
GIVE OFF THIS  
SWEET SCENT,  
TEKUKUHI.



HEH! I'VE  
GOTTEN  
EVEN MORE  
IMPRESSIVE  
MUSCLES  
NOW.

IMPE-  
RIAL  
ASSAS-  
SIN  
UNIT  
TRIVIA  
6



YOU'LL  
HAVE  
TO BE A  
LITTLE  
SHREWER  
IF YOU WANT  
TO BE  
IN FIRST  
PLACE,  
SHRIMP.



NATASHA!  
I'LL HAVE YOU  
SURRENDER  
YOUR  
POSITION  
AS FIRST  
PLACE IN KILL  
RANK SOON  
ENOUGH!



GUY IS  
NUMBER  
ONE ONLY  
WHEN IT  
COMES  
TO SHEER  
STRENGTH.

HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA!



A SHREW'S  
NOT MEANT  
TO STAND AT  
THE TOP.

IDIOT.



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